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FOR DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AODE  
SUBJECT: MODE - EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS BY CHIEF OF MISSION

REF: (A) STATE 80366, (B) STATE 66110

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTELS I HAVE ONCE AGAIN (IN CONSULTA-  
TION WITH THE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES) CAREFULLY REVIEWED  
AND AM GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT STRENGTHS OF  
THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF OUR MISSION HERE; AND, OF COURSE,  
WE WILL BE LOOKING AGAIN AT LEVELS IN RESPONSE TO THE  
FY 80 ZBB STUDIES.

2. THERE IS ONE POSITION IN AID/LIBERIA WHICH COULD BE  
ELIMINATED NOW, THE ASSISTANT GSO POSITION NO. 216992022.  
THIS POSITION HAS BEEN VACANT FOR TWO YEARS AND, ALTHOUGH  
AID/LIBERIA IS ON RECORD AS FAVORING ITS ABOLITION  
(MONROVIA 1472), IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT AID/WASHINGTON  
CONCURS.

3. I WELCOME REFTELS AS WELL AS YOUR AND THE  
SECRETARY'S SUPPORT IN TRYING TO HOLD DOWN NUMBERS  
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OF PERSONNEL. I AM A LITTLE CONCERNED THAT AT THE  
SAME TIME WE ARE TRYING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE  
PRESIDENT'S VIEWS OF WHAT HE CONSIDERS EXCESSIVE OFFICIAL  
EMPLOYMENT OVERSEAS BOTH AID AND PEACE CORPS ARE  
TALKING ABOUT INCREASED PROGRAMS AND PERSONNEL OVER-  
SEAS. I AM SURE YOU ARE MORE FULLY BRIEFED THAT I ON THE  
PLANS OF THESE TWO AGENCIES, BUT THE INCONSISTENCY

BETWEEN THE THRUST OF REFTELS AND COMMENTS BY  
AID AND PEACE CORPS OFFICIALS REGARDING INCREASED  
NUMBERS OVERSEAS CREATES A MANAGEMENT PROBLEM FOR US.

4. WITH REGARD TO PEACE CORPS/LIBERIA, AND I HAVE  
DISCUSSED THIS WITH HIM, PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR GREBEN  
HAS INDICATED TO HIS HEADQUARTERS THAT OVER THE NEXT  
TWO YEARS THE NUMBER OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS COULD  
BE INCREASED FROM THE CURRENT 200 TO BETWEEN 300 AND  
325. I HAVE INDICATED THAT I AM NOT CONVINCED LIBERIA  
COULD EASILY ABSORB THIS INCREASE AND WOULD BE  
PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE GOL MIGHT NOT BE  
ABLE TO DEAL WITH THE INCREASE IN TERMS OF THE SUPPORT  
IT NEEDS TO GIVE TO MAKE PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS  
SUCCESSFUL. GREBEN AND I WILL WORK CLOSELY ON THIS  
MATTER, AND I AM SATISFIED THAT HE SHARES MY CONCERNS  
AND WILL MOVE FORWARD CAUTIOUSLY ON NEW PROGRAMS.  
WHAT HE HAS NOT ADDRESSED IN HIS COMMUNICATIONS  
WITH WASHINGTON IS THAT AN INCREASE BY 100 PEACE  
CORPS VOLUNTEERS HERE WILL INEVITABLY CREATE  
PRESSURES FOR INCREASED STAFF. I FLAG THIS AS AN  
EXAMPLE OF THE KINDS OF PRESSURES THAT BUILD UP  
AND ULTIMATELY DEFEAT EFFORTS TO HOLD THE LINE  
ON PERSONNEL INCREASES.  
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